

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 5-12 are allowed, and claims 1-4 are rejected by the Examiner.

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with the undersigned attorney on August 1, 2003, during which claim 1 was discussed relative to Kayama. In that interview, the Examiner indicated that the foregoing amendments to claim 1 should be sufficient to convert the alleged "intended use" into a positive limitation of the claim, and that it did not appear that Kayama teaches or suggests the features of amended claim 1. Consequently, Applicants are submitting this Amendment to effect the change to claim 1 discussed at the interview. Some additional minor amendments are made to the other claims to correct typographical errors.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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A Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal with appropriate fees accompany this document. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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